GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PRICES OF PATENTED DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formed a panel for negotiating prices of patent drugs;and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made by the panel?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.In February,2007 the Government constituted a Committee on price negotiations for patented drugs to examine and propose a system of reference pricing/price negotiations/ differential prices which may be applied for price negotiations of patented drugs and medical devices before their marketing approval in India. The Committee on price negotiations for patented drugs has held six meetings so far with Industry Associations, NGOs and concerned Ministries/Departments.